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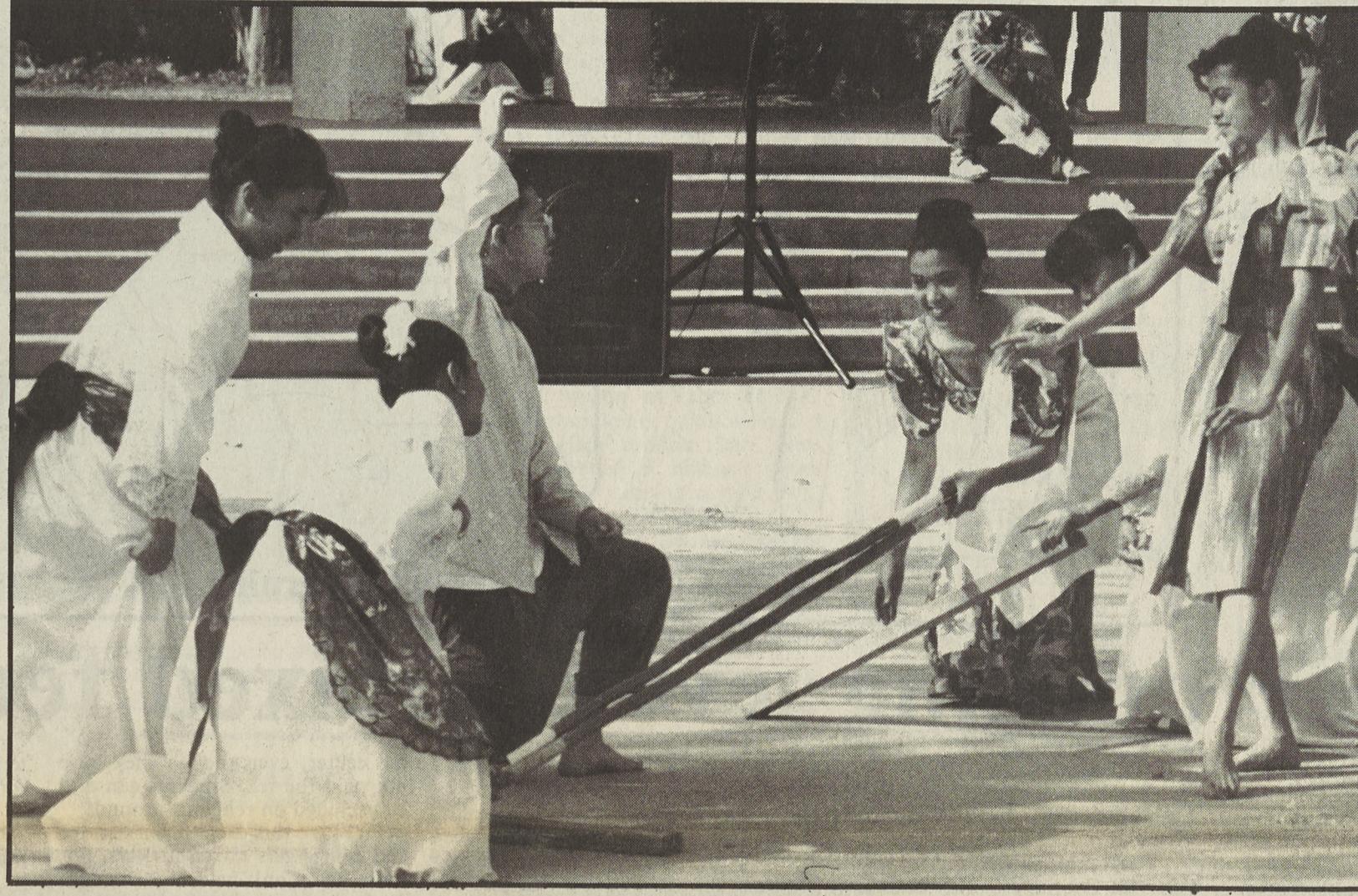
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Van Nuys, California

**ETHNIC  
EXPOSURE —**

The sounds and smells of the Orient wafted through the chilly December breeze yesterday as Valley's Asian students presented bits of their culture in Monarch Square at the Asian Awareness Day.

The ASU-sponsored event drew in a large crowd of students who ate delectables from the Philippines and watched performers such as the Cambodian Apsara North Hollywood Community Group and the Sampaguita Dance Troop (featured at right).



MICHAEL Oehler / Valley Star

## Committee formed to evaluate effectiveness of campus police

By JENNIFER CASE  
Opinion Editor

On the same day that a Los Angeles Community College District campus newspaper published an article regarding a rumor to disband campus police, Chancellor Donald Phelps announced that a committee was formed to evaluate their function and effectiveness.

Rumors in the wings said Phelps would like to replace campus police with security guards, but he said such reports are invalid.

"I have no such intent," Phelps said in response to the article. "However, everything we know about our budget tells us to look carefully at how we spend funds."

The "routine review," which has never been done before, was prompted by the grim budgetary outlook, Fausto Capobianco, director of district public affairs, said.

"We have to use our money wisely," he said. "There isn't anything earthshaking or unusual about this."

"We have no plans to eliminate jobs," Capobianco said. "The Chancellor has the prerogative to review at any time," he added.

Although both Board President, Wallace Knox and LACC Police Captain, Rick Huebner said they have heard the Chancellor express dissatisfaction with the campus police, Phelps sticks to his claim that he is not against the police.

A police officer for six years, Phelps said the accusation that he was "anti-police" was the "furthest thing from the truth."

Formed before "word leaked out that college police were being reviewed," the committee had not held a meeting to discuss any plans or procedures, Capobianco said.

When asked about the rumor that the district threatens to disband police everytime negotiations come near, he said it was untrue.

Amidst some concern about police morale during the review, Capobianco said the campus security forces should have nothing to worry about.

"As long as the police are doing an effective job, you don't have to be concerned," Capobianco said.

For Karl Traber, captain of Valley's campus police, the first time he learned of the news was after reading the college papers but he said he isn't concerned about the review.

"They can scrutinize me as much as they want because I got my ship in order," Traber said. Although he isn't worried about being found ineffective, he did express concern about the lack of a police force on campus.

"With over 18,000 students on campus, you need a professional police force," he said. "We have some very unstable people on this campus and you have to know how to deal with them. They are going to find out that Valley is very cost effective. We save lawsuits by our professional demeanor."

The review committee consists only of five college presidents and there was no AFT or police representation planned to be included.

Following the announcement, AFT president, Leon Marzillier, questioned the lack of representation. Shortly after, Phelps agreed it would be in the committee's best interest to include LACC police officer Al Reddick.

Unsure of what the committee will find, Capobianco is confident in their ability. Regardless, he stressed that the Chancellor did not suggest security guards as an alternative to replace campus police during his recommendation.

"There are other options if that is the direction they decide to go," he said.

## Say ahhh! Health care is coming to Valley

By JENNIFER CASE  
Opinion Editor

For students in need of health care, help is on the way. Scheduled to open in the Women's Gym on January 19, 1993, an on-site health center will "enable colleges to address a significant student need," Dennis Lee, fiscal administrator for East L.A. College, said. LAVC's center will be modeled after East L.A.'s. The Women's Gym is currently being renovated to handle the added services.

After the Los Angeles Community College Board of Trustees approved the formation of campus-based health centers last April, the Health Advisory Committee put together a comprehensive health package that will be available to all registered students.

For the mandatory \$7.50 fee, district officials said students will be provided with "more [health service] than they would be able to buy elsewhere."

"It's not a lot of money we're asking for," Lee said.

Yesterday, Valley offered a service contract to Parthenia Medical Group in Sepulveda. In addition, LAVC will be applying for grants to pay for additional programs said President Dr. Mary E. Lee.

"We give all the credit to East L.A. for blazing the trails," Lee said.

Although she is still unsure exactly what services will be offered here when the site opens, Lee explained that East L.A. is planning to provide women's services, defensive health care education, and counseling in health and nutrition.

Services at each campus will differ because development is still in the initial phase according to Dennis Lee.

Only Mission College will not provide on site services, but they plan to have a referral service.

Designed with maximum student input from Student Trustee Erica L. Hauck, Board member Julia Wu said she is excited about the program.

"Had we not had talented leadership from the students, the program might have fallen apart," Knox said commanding Hauck.

Other campus officials involved include Kay Mahoney, Lou Albert, Mary Spangler and former dean of student services Glenn Hisayasu.

"This program is stunningly beyond what we ever thought it could be," said Brenda Scranton, district director of Student Services.

"Everyone deserves absolute kudos."

The contracts will come before the board on Dec. 16 for ratification.

## Crime Watch

• The following incidents occurred between Nov. 2 to Nov. 28 according to campus police.

★ Petty Thefts —

Books and purses were stolen from six points in the center section of the campus.

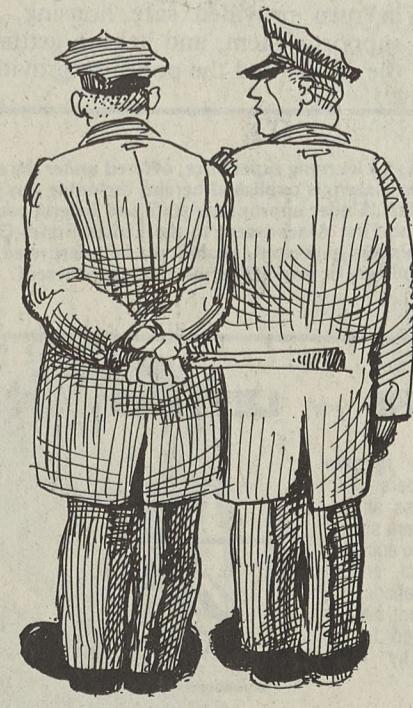
"The problem is that people leave their purses or books on the ground and then they leave. People are just waiting for those opportunities," Captain Karl Traber said.

★ Theft From Vehicle — Suspects entered unlocked vehicles to remove the radios on Lot E between 8 a.m. and noon.

★ Stolen Vehicle — There was a Mazda RX-7 stolen from Lot B at 11 a.m.

★ Vandalism — A window was broken in the Physics building. Two tires were slashed in Lot G.

★ Battery — A battery between student and staff occurred at Monarch Square. There were no injuries.



★ Arrests — While on routine patrol Nov. 16, Officer Spencer Gosenson spotted a vehicle in Lot D that was parked by two males who didn't appear to be students.

When he noticed that the car had a broken window, he ran a record-want of the car and discovered the vehicle was stolen.

The suspects were armed and dangerous the report said.

Since the suspects left, Gosenson placed the car under surveillance. L.A.P.D. was summoned. An hour later, when the suspects returned, Gosenson successfully arrested them without incident.

Gosenson was commended for his alertness and the application of proper procedures.

★ Tips — Campus police can be reached at any pay phone by dialing #30. — compiled by Jennifer Case

### FINAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FALL SEMESTER 1992

December 15, 1992 to December 23, 1992.

Except for classes of less-than-semester length, THE LAST DAY OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL DAY AND EVENING CLASSES is Monday, December 14, 1992.

Classes which meet only one day per week will have their final exam at the first regular class meeting after December 14.

Classes of less-than-semester length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All evening classes (4 p.m. and later) will have their final exam as follows:

Monday classes: December 21

Tuesday classes: December 15

Wednesday classes: December 16

Thursday classes: December 17

Final examinations MUST be held on the DAY AND TIME SCHEDULED in regularly assigned classrooms and should not exceed two hours in duration.

The date of the final exam is determined by the first day and first hour a class meets.

To use the schedule below, locate the day and hour of your class on the grid. In case of problems or conflicts, see the instructor.

Final Exam Times	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8-10 am			DEC 15 7 & 7:30 am T or Th	DEC 16 8 & 8:30 am M, W, or F	DEC 17 8 & 8:30 am T or Th	DEC 18 9 & 9:30 am M, W, or F
10:30 am-12:30 pm			10 & 10:30 am T or Th	11 & 11:30 am M, W or F	11 & 11:30 am T or Th	12 & 12:30 pm M, W or F
1-3 pm			1 & 1:30 pm T or Th	1 & 1:30 pm M, W or F	2 & 2:30 pm T or Th	2 & 2:30 pm M, W or F
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10:30 am-12:30 pm			10 & 10:30 am T or Th	12 & 12:30 pm T or Th		
1-3 pm			3 & 3:30 pm M, W or F	3 & 3:30 pm T or Th		

## Try not to read between the lines

By TIFFINIE P. McENTIRE  
Staff Writer

As the new semester draws closer, the need for students to buy new books is aroused.

For many students this process includes selling books from the previous semester back to the campus book store for, at the very most, half the money they initially purchased the book for. This trade for cash is usually necessary before students can buy new books needed for upcoming classes.

This is a great benefit for many students who are dependent upon this book buy-back system, for these days books are almost a luxury due to the obvious high cost of them.

Unfortunately, as with most good things in life, it can also be discouraging to those same dependent students.

There are absolutely no guarantees that your particular book will be bought back. The fact is, there are quite a few people interested in selling their books back to the book store, many of which have exactly the same book you have. This means if the book store has fulfilled their quota for a specific book, they will not, under any circumstance, buy your book.

Here's a hint: get to the book store well before the buy back deadline (buy back started this week), not 10 minutes before the book store closes on January 15, the day of the deadline.

This unwritten, "No Guarantee" policy is also extended when the edi-

tion of the book you plan to "recycle" has been updated by the publisher or has been taken out of publication.

Chances are the publisher is out to make a buck with their new editions. So despite your reminder to the clerk at the book store that your Spanish book is based on a language that hasn't changed much since the discovery of America in 1492, your book will not be bought.

Finally there's the problem with the instructors changing their text books. Chances are the buy back clerk is telling you this little fact and you're thinking "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" - regardless of how great or horrible the book was.

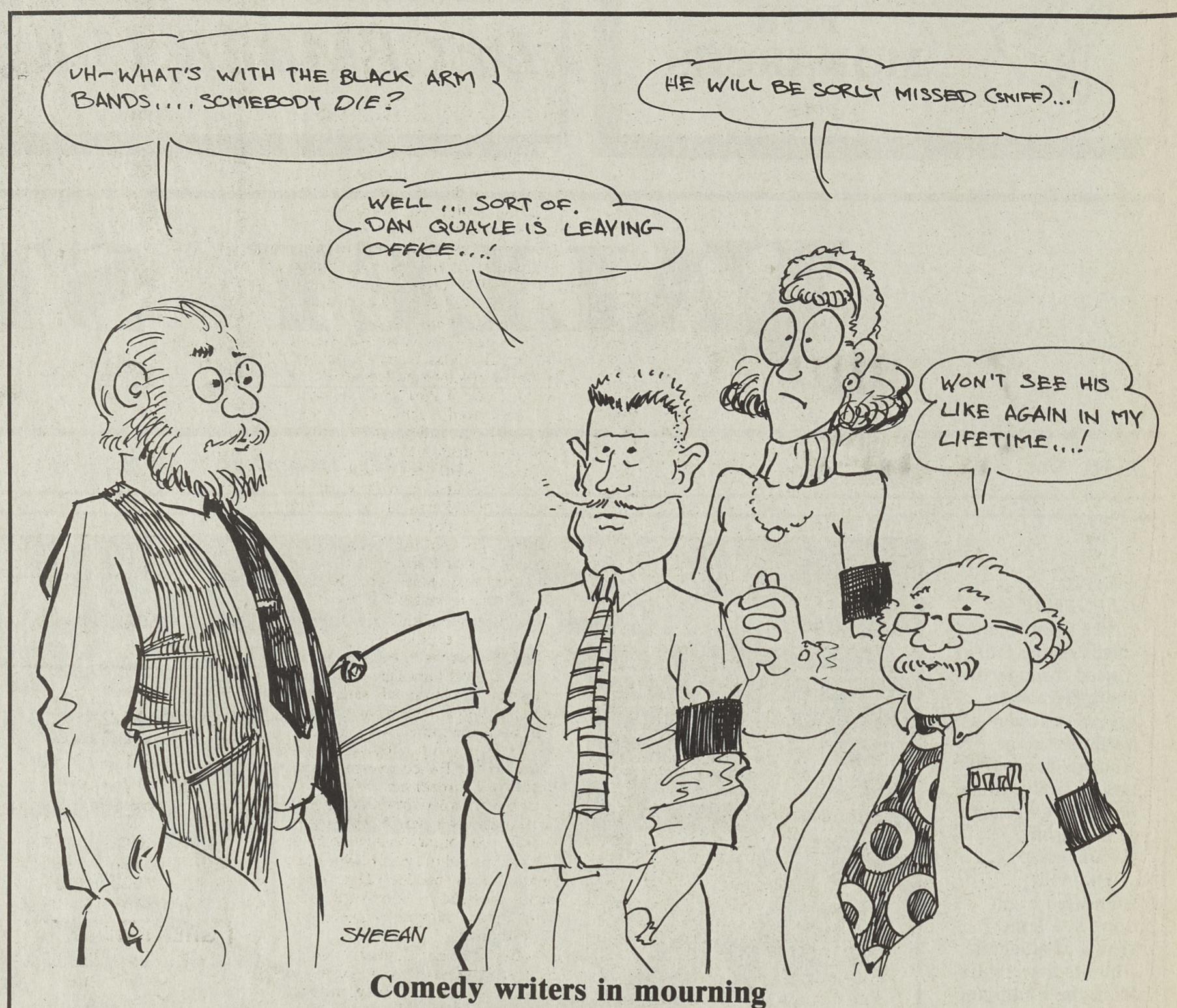
This is the instructor's and the different department's prerogative to make these changes as they see fit. Remember there are no guarantees, but you could start talking with instructors about the assigned text books to let them in on the buy back process.

They may very well understand and might refrain from changing books every semester.

The facts are disheartening, but don't give up. Selling your books back to the school is a great way to keep book costs down and a way to give financially disabled students a break.

By recycling your books you're helping other students to boycott high book prices in a subtle, yet practical, manner too.

Maybe publishers and teachers will get the hint and maybe they won't - there are no guarantees, but trying and failing are better than not trying at all.



Comedy writers in mourning

## Health

By VIOLA LO  
Sports Editor

With the Fall semester drawing to a close and the Spring semester looming ahead, many students are puzzled by the \$7.50 Health Service fee that must be paid in order to register.

The official statement, printed both in the schedule book and in the registration packet, says nothing to students about where the money will go and why.

## Letters to the Editor

### Students lack consideration for physically challenged

I am writing in regards to an incident that happened on Monday, November 23 about 9:50 a.m.

I was a visitor on the campus being accompanied by a gentleman in an electric wheelchair.

What occurred was really appalling to both of us. We were attempting to go up the ramp located by the college library.

30 to 40 students were coming down the ramp and would not let us come up. The gentleman repeated over and over to the students, "Please, use the stairs."

His requests were to no avail. The students continued to walk down the ramp.

Are the young students of today completely insensitive to the needs

of others? Are these students symbolic of society as a whole?

The ramps are for a purpose allowing accessibility for the physically challenged. Please, students, have consideration for others.

Marlene Mac Leavy, M.A.  
Independent Living Specialist

### Ex homework hater now just can't wait to go to school

I expected to find the teachers as I remembered them, when I left high school, forty nine years ago. Way back then, I was young and they were old, at least older than me.

In my eyes, they were stodgy and unfriendly task masters. It was always a relief to hear the bell that ended the period.

of Valley college.

The money will go toward the establishment of a Health Center to be located in the Women's Gym.

The center, according to Health Service Coordinator Kay Mahoney, is "designed to assist students in achieving and maintaining optimum levels of wellness" and will include health care, education, counseling and referrals.

Lou Albert, a member of the proposal committee, said that community colleges had health centers for

Happiness, in the few short minutes between classes was short lived. Joy was realized after that last class of the day and total deliverance was known only at the start of summer vacation.

What a pleasant surprise it was for me to come back to school and find the teachers so young, articulate, knowledgeable and friendly. At my age, everyone is younger than me and they merit no accolades for their youth.

From me, for that, they get envy. They do deserve my thanks for accepting me and for their patience when my tired old brain can't quite cope.

Their willingness to help has encouraged me to broaden my horizons and enroll in other classes.

My teenage feelings about school have done a complete about face. I rush to school with eager anticipation, and reluctantly leave with dragging feet.

To them, the teachers I have been privileged to learn from, a heart felt "thank you."

Edward J. Westervelt  
English 127

student use in the '60s and '70s that were dissolved in the early '80s.

After 12 years of nonexistent health care for students on campus, the Board of Trustees voted and decided that health centers are a vital part of our colleges. The system that will be set up January 19 will not be a sophisticated one but a triad based on assessment and referral.

All are required to pay the fee with the exception of students using fee waivers for enrollment fees.

They will be entitled to use of

the center, even though they have not paid the fee. Students can also be excluded on religious grounds.

Frankly, this Health Service fee and center gets mixed reviews. For those who don't have and can't afford regular health care coverage, this deal is a bargain.

For those who are already covered, either through family or work, and are struggling to pay registration and books as it is, the extra \$7.50 is a financial burden.

So far, though, there doesn't seem

to be much for students to be paying for. To date, there is no definite plan of action for the Health Center, and with little over a month left until the proposed opening date.

As Albert said, "I think we're a little behind schedule. It [the proposal] was passed in April."

The month is now December and the Board of Trustees is still debating on certain issues that involve and delay the opening of our center and others. The delay is becoming inexcusable.

## If only she could've called

By JAE LEVINE WEISS  
Entertainment Editor

The Downey Police responded to Yvonne Webb's cry for help by telling her that they were "not a taxi service."

Less than an hour later they received a second call from the now hysterical woman.

Her boyfriend had come back to beat her again, she said. This time, terrified and alone, Yvonne picked up his gun and pulled the trigger.

Scott Keith Adams was declared dead-on-arrival. Recently convicted of Adams' murder, Webb is now serving a sentence of 30 years to life.

"I never meant to kill him," she tells me. "He came at me, and I grabbed the gun before he could get it. He lunged for the gun and it went off. I don't even remember pulling the trigger. I didn't realize I had shot him until I saw the blood. One thing was for sure, somebody was going to get hurt that night. The police could have stopped it from happening, but they didn't."

"I have to live with what I did every single day. It's hard to explain to someone who doesn't understand," Webb quietly adds, "but I really loved him."

As she shares her tragic story, I am mesmerized by the face I see behind the thick glass between us in the visitation window at the jail.

It is almost like looking through a mirror. What I see is my own face peering back at me. We have the same shoulder-length curly-permed hair, dark brown eyes, and a dark history in common.

Not long ago, I also lived through an abusive relationship. I have also been terrorized enough, furious enough, confused enough and isolated enough to feel capable of defending my life against what seemed to be an unstoppable violent man.

But there was one dramatic difference between Webb and myself.

During the crisis during which my life was threatened, instead of finding myself with a pointed gun as my only protection, I had a phone pressed into my hand.

New options were found for me through a call to a battered women's hot line - a solution which Webb was never offered.

Instead of a pulled trigger as my only escape, I had a shelter, which in turn provided safe housing, a support system, and help in getting the courts and the police to provide

the protection I needed to finally end the violence.

Now I am holding another receiver - the phone through which I offer Webb belated support. Had she known how to get to a shelter that night, she tells me, this tragedy might never have happened.

Why did the system which served me so well fail Yvonne Webb?

When she asked the police to intervene, why wasn't a telephone connecting her with battered women's services thrust into her hand?

Scott Adams should not have had to die an hour after his beaten girl friend begged to be taken to safety. Yvonne Webb should not have to spend her life in prison for defending herself in the only way she had left.

Her fate and mine is divided by the plate of glass through which we share our secret pasts. I might have been one hotline call away from being on Yvonne Webb's side of that window. She could have been one hotline call away from being on mine.

Battered women's hot lines have averted tragedy for countless women, as well as for their abusers. I know, because I was one of them. Unfortunately for Yvonne Webb and for Scott Keith Adams, she was not.

If someone you know is being battered, help her make the call.

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## For whom the bell tolls

By KEVIN BOLT  
Staff Writer

Once again, "the bell" rings proudly throughout the city of Van Nuys. The Monarchs football squad whipped Pierce 41-27 last Saturday night, not only for the bragging

rights of the San Fernando Valley, but also to regain the bell that goes to the winner of this annual cross-town showdown.

Howard Blackwell scored four touchdowns to bring his season total to 23, a LAVC school record. Quarterback Joe Mauldin shattered the Valley single-season all-purpose

offensive yards record in leading Valley to the win.

Mauldin was 16 of 25 for 136 yards and one touchdown passing and also ran 89 yards on 16 carries.

Valley's defense, which was suspect all season, came up with a solid, emotion-filled, hard-hitting attack. Big defensive plays by Shane Bullock, Bill Dykes, and several huge sticks by Eric Moss sparked the Valley charge.

The tone of the game was set on the very first play from scrimmage, as Pierce quarterback Cesario Parra fumbled and Valley's Alonzo Finney recovered. Six plays later, Blackwell put Valley up 7-0 with a two-yard touchdown run.

Valley went up 13-0 when Mauldin hooked up with Monarch wideout Billy Parra for an 11-yard touchdown strike.

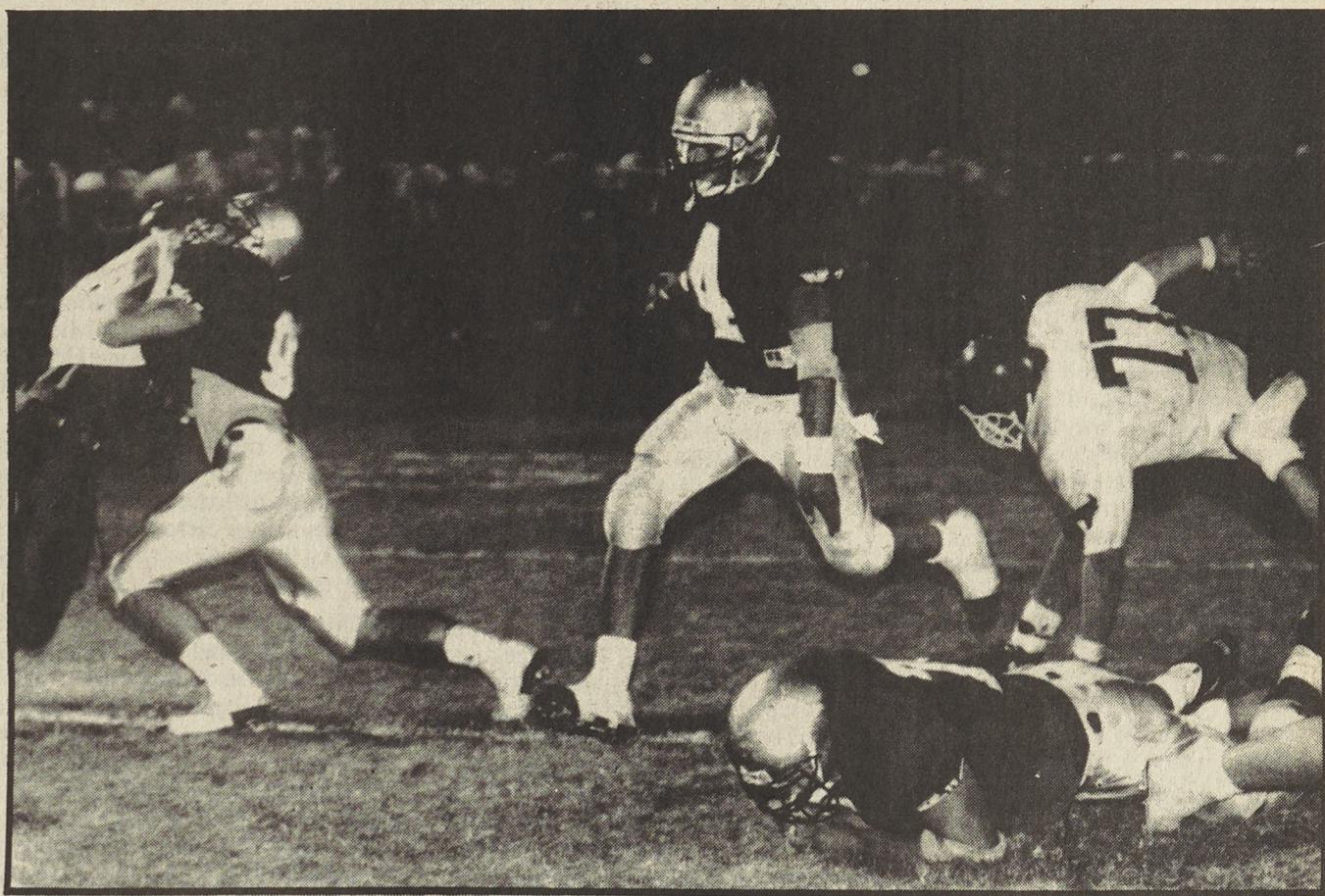
Pierce got on the board when Pierce's Cesario Parra rolled left on a quarterback keeper for a 10-yard touchdown, to make it 13-6.

On the ensuing kick-off, Valley's Benny Evans exploded 73 yards to put the Monarchs in business at the Pierce 12 yard line. One play later, Blackwell found the left side of the end zone and a 21-6 Monarch lead.

Evans again came up big in the second quarter with a 64 yard punt return to the Pierce five-yard line. Blackwell notched his third touchdown two plays later, a one-yard touchdown run. At that point, the rout was on, as Valley led 28-6.

Pierce would not quit however, as Dorsey High product Dan Alexander grabbed a nine-yard pass from Parra, capping a nine play, 75 yard drive.

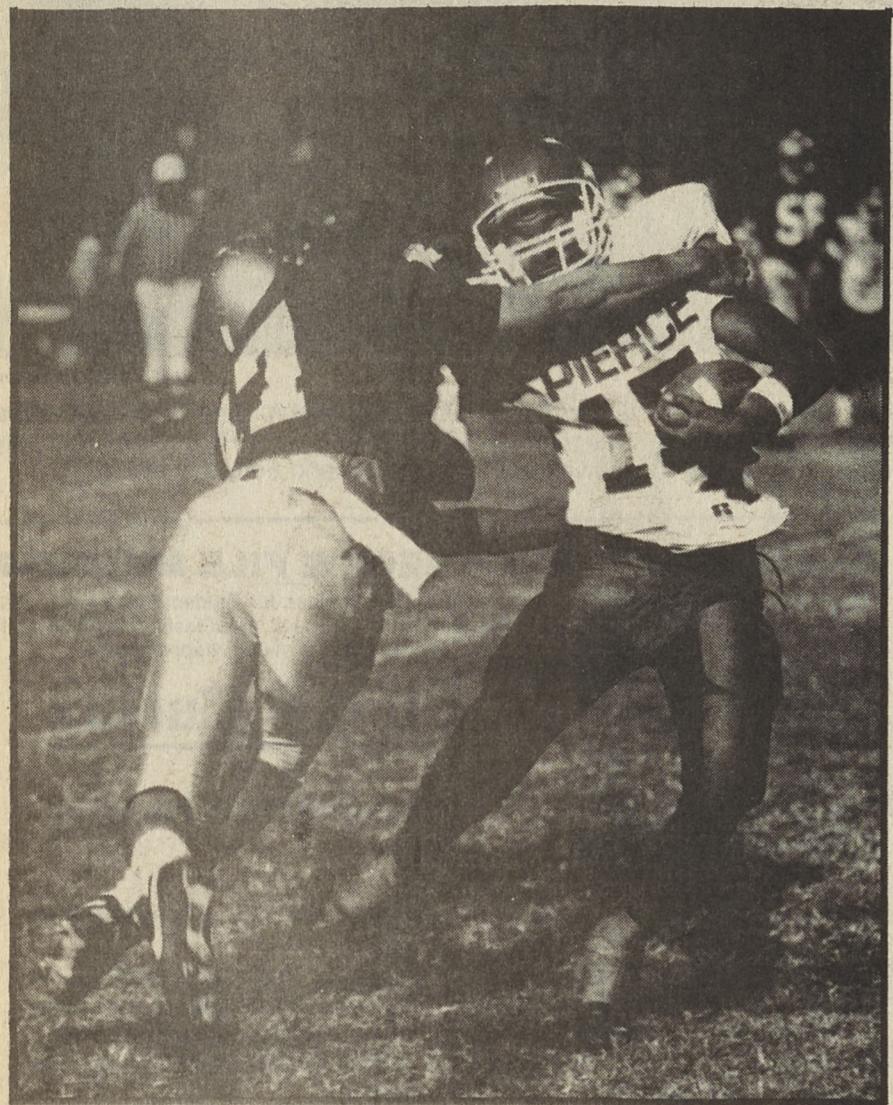
Valley's Brian Bernier brought the chilled-capacity home crowd to their feet, with a magnificent, sprawling, diving 30 yard catch from Mauldin that set up a Mauldin



BOB LA CATTIVA / Valley Star

**RECORD BREAKER** — For the 23rd time Howard Blackwell strides into the endzone. His third quarter

touchdown set another new mark in a fine season which saw Blackwell rewriting the record books.



ROUND-UP TIME — Monarch defense was pumped up for the rivalry with Pierce as demonstrated by Eric Moss as he corrals Brahma David Doyle.

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## Talking cows, angels with butterfingers and a threat to national security

By BOB OWEN  
Staff Writer

Where can you go to hear a cow say, "shalom", see an unwed mother-to-be in search of a husband, and an epic struggle between good and evil?

No, it's not the next episode of Murphy Brown, it's the LAVC Theater Arts Christmas Production entitled: *The Butterfingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut, and the Slaughter of Twelve Hit Carols in a Pear Tree*. Written by the Author of, *The Miracle Worker*, William Gibson, the production is a humorous depiction of the birth of Jesus Christ.

The play, Directed by Kathryn Naylor Milton, brings the classic story of Christ's birth down to earth, putting a contemporary spin on the famous miracle.

The play gives you the feeling that God's miracles aren't necessarily an absolute given, especially when the Angel administering them is as bumbling as the one portrayed by Tod King.

Joseph and Mary come across as a young, upwardly mobile Bible couple who happen to be involved in a miracle. They grapple with the universal problems associated with Love, marriage, and parenthood.

Though Mary is thankful enough to be carrying the Christ child with her virginity intact, her main concern is to find an honorable husband to avoid social scrutiny and scandal. Karen Podrasky's Mary elicits concern for a young woman suddenly deemed caretaker of the world's savior. Last week she might've been worried about her hairstyle, whereas, this week its what to do about my savior-kid!

Joseph, played by Jim Crogan, is a well-meaning man, someone God can trust with his son. Crogan portrays Joseph as an honorable sort, concerned about Mary's reputation. The take is that these are ordinary people in a divinely extraordinary situation. They don't suddenly quote scripture or act holy, they react with the same human neuroses anyone would, especially their 20th century grand-children.

The inevitable confrontation between good and evil comes when the "Man in Grey," and "King Herod," attempt to stop Christ's entrance into the world.

Herod, portrayed by Danny Kusuoki, sees the birth of Christ as a threat to the national security. Kusuoki manages to give Herod a sense of humor with lines such as, "I'm surrounded by enemies...mostly ex-wives."

Although the theme of good vs. evil is consistent throughout, fortunately in the play, (as in life), people with a sense of humor put it to good use in challenging situations. After all, how would you react if your daughter told you she was pregnant with Jesus Christ and she was still a virgin??!

The play features performances on December 3, 4, 5 and 10, 11, 12 at 8 p.m. in the Mainstage Theater.



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**AND BABY MAKES THREE**— Mary (Karen Podrasky) and Joseph (Jim Crogan) have a discussion about the Christ child she is carrying in *The Butter-*

*ingers Angel, Mary and Joseph, Herod the Nut and the Slaughter of 12 Hit Carols in a Pear Tree*. The play shows tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 p.m.

## Class keeps Big Band Era alive

By NANCY VIGRAN  
Staff Writer

There's a whole lot of toes tapping, Tuesdays and Thursdays when the Los Angeles Valley College Studio Jazz Band class rehearses in Music Room 112.

"This is a good thing for the preservation of an art form," said Saxophonist/Flautist Tom Fabre. And so this dwindling breed of musicians come together in Music 781 to do just that.

Few, such as 20 year old trumpeter Joseph Apresa are full time LAVC students. Apresa started music instruction at LAVC at the age of 14. He is an English major who wishes to transfer on to a four-year university.

In the intermediate class, the Jazz Ensemble (Music 775), there are more young students, said James. But, there are very few students learning to play woodwind in-

struments and high schools are cutting out their bands, he said.

All rehearsals are open and LAVC students are welcome to sit in and listen, said James. Many charts played (a chart is jargon for an arrangement) are arranged by students in a class taught by James. These include a variety of songs such as sultry, slinky, seductive "Basically Blues" to a lively, up-beat rendition of "The Cantina Song," originally written by John Williams for the movie Star Wars, arranged for the LAVC Jazz Band by student Alfred Surenyan.

A performance will be held on Thursday, December 10 at 8 p.m. in Music Room 112. The Jazz Ensemble will also hold a performance on Monday, December 14 at 12 noon in Music Room 112.

The senior band members have years of experience not only as band players, but as composers and arrangers as well. James, a trumpeter,

has performed with Big Band greats Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey. While trumpeter, Jack Feierman played the Big Band Era with Woody Herman and Count Basie. More recently, Feierman has conducted such artists as Jose Feliciano, Sergio Mendez and Paul Anka.

Other band members, including Pete Harris performed with Sammy Davis, Jr., Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra and Lena Horne. Robert Sadoff has written songs with Steve Allen and recorded with Andy Williams.

Younger generation musicians perform R & B and Rock n Roll, but have developed a love for Big Band. Drummer Daniel Glass, age 26, feels it is an honor to have the opportunity to play in the LAVC Jazz Band.

Professor James has music degrees from Michigan State University, the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State University. Not only is he a professional trumpeter,

but he is a published composer and arranger as well. He has received awards of recognition for his outstanding work as a music educator from the National Federation of Music Clubs and from the National Association of Jazz Educators. James became a full-time instructor at LAVC last year.

Los Angeles City College was the first to offer a Jazz Band class in 1946, however it is no longer available there, said James. Not only are the students enrolled in the Jazz classes at LAVC lucky, but so is everyone else here, who can go and listen to this special breed perform.

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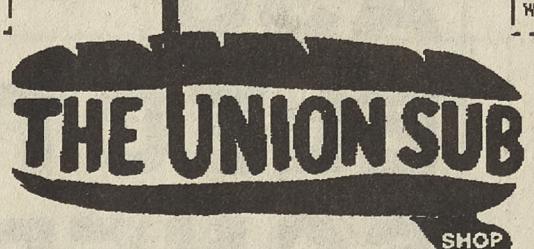
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# Taking the “bah humbug” out of the holidays

*Alternative ways of holiday gift-giving which will help you to feel less depressed about the season while helping other people feel better as well*

By JULIE D. BAILEY  
Special to the Star

**O**ne out of every five people in the world has suffered from severe depression at some point in their lives a recent study revealed.

This latest study reflects a major increase over similar statistics compiled 20 years ago. The study concluded that the reason so many people felt so depressed was the uncertainty and upheaval of world affairs over which they felt they had no control.

At no time during the year is depression felt so profoundly by more people than during the holiday season.

The pressure of buying gifts, having to be with family, or having no family to be with, turns normally sweet and caring people into walking personifications of Dickens' Scrooge.

“God, I can't wait for it to be over,” or “No, I'm not ready and I'm not going to be,” or “I'm not

giving gifts this year. I just can't afford it and that's that,” or “I'm going to sleep. Wake me up January 2nd,” are comments which can be heard on a continual basis at this time of year.

The problem isn't that people by nature are miserable, uncaring and joyless individuals who need to be visited by three ghosts during the night and terrorized by a look at their own graves, the problem is that people feel out of control during the holiday season.

And they are right. they are out of control because they have forgotten the true meaning of the holiday season.

It was said of Scrooge in the end that “he knew how to keep Christmas well.” And the story goes that he did that by being a good friend, a good employer and a generous benefactor to the oppressed and downtrodden and in the process he found an amazing amount of happiness.

Scrooge learned to keep the season well by helping others. It is my wish for each and every one of us that we may all learn to keep the

season well and, like Scrooge, recapture the joy and excitement we felt at this time of year when we were children.

On this page we have put together just a few of the charities which need help. Many are campus-connected.

Help can be in the form of gifts such as toys, clothing, food or volunteer work. Turn out your closets, take a trip to the store to buy a gift for someone you don't know or give a couple of hours of your time instead of going to a movie.

Join together with other students in your class and have the class as a whole adopt a charity.

Revise your ideas about gift-giving. At the bottom of the page we have designed a card which you could have reprinted and send to your family and friends in lieu of gifts.

We don't have to be out of control. There are alternatives that we can take to recapture our holiday season. it's up to each and every one of us to make the effort. May we do it well.

## LAVC - ASU

LAVC Associated Student Union is sponsoring a charity collection of food, clothing and toys. These items can be left in collection bins located in the fitness center, the administration building, the library, the bookstore and Campus Center 102. All donations will be given to Frontline, the L.A. Food Bank, the San Fernando Child Guidelines Clinic, St. James, St. Vincent de Paul Society and MEND. The drive has been extended until Friday of next week.

## PRISON INMATES

Mike Vivian's Jail Visitation class works with an organization called Friends Outside. The organization helps prison inmates and is in need of clothing for the inmates to wear when released as well as tennis shoes, socks and underwear, and writing paper, envelopes and stamps for the inside. Send contributions to Friends Outside, 464 East Walnut, Pasadena, Calif. Or call Louise Knight at [818] 798-6986, or see Mike Vivian.

## DONATE BLOOD

The American Red Cross is asking people to “Give Blood Again” this holiday season. While the holiday season is traditionally the time for giving, it is also ironically the time when fewest people give blood. To find out where your closest donation center is call [800] 491-2113.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

LAVC TAE is sponsoring a drive for the Marine Corps - Toys for Tots charity. Contact Feather Mester [818] 787-9654 for further details. Drop-off points on campus are located in the Administration Building, the library and the bookstore. The deadline for the drive is December 17th and donors are requested to give a new, unwrapped toy.

## BIG BROTHERS NEEDED

To learn more about being a friend to one of L.A.'s fatherless boys, attend a Big Brother orientation meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, December 14, at 8330 Lankershim Blvd., North Hollywood.

## HELP THE HOMELESS

The Seedling is an organization that fed and clothed over 65,000 people last year. The number of people it has helped has more than doubled since the L.A. riot but contributions to the organization, which employs only one paid staff worker, have decreased. The service to the poor is performed by an army of volunteers who need your help.

Write a check to The Seedling. Donations are tax deductible. Please send checks to Tom Yacovone, Sociology Department via the faculty mailbox in the administration building. Volunteer workers are also needed to distribute food to homeless families on December 19th. Call Rita at [213] 753-1524 for further information.

## HOMELESS CHILDREN

The sociology department at LAVC is sponsoring a drive for the L.A. Family Housing Corp. See their advertisement on page three.

## VALLEY SHELTER

Valley Shelter located at 7843 Lankershim Boulevard, North Hollywood accommodates men, women and children. Its doors are open to everyone including drug and alcohol abusers, the mentally ill and ex-convicts. The shelter needs food, cash and volunteers. Cash should be mailed to the shelter at the above address. Donations of food should be brought to the center. Call the shelter if you have large donations of food and they will arrange pick-up of the items. If you can volunteer time at the center, contact Michael Childress, volunteer coordinator at [818] 982-4091.

## HELP VICTIMS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Haven Hills is a private non-profit charitable corporation which operates a shelter and counseling center for battered women, their children and their families from the San Fernando Valley. Contributions can be made to Haven Hills, Inc., P.O. Box 260, Canoga Park, California 91305. Donations of clothes can be made at the Council Thrift Shop, 21616 Sherman Way, Canoga Park. Inform the staff that your contribution is for Haven Hills. Call [818] 887-6589 for additional information.

By JAE LEVINE WEISS  
Entertainment Editor

I ran my hand across the soft mound of Jaguar-green cashmere. “Guess how much this sweater costs?” I whispered to my husband in the solemn tones reserved for the masculine decor at the Ralph Lauren store in Silicon Valley's exclusive Stanford Mall.

“Two hundred dollars?” he said. I shook my head no. “Three?” he guessed, his voice raised high enough to draw the attention of the saleswoman. “Keep going,” I replied. “Three fifty?” he asked, as the woman moved in for the kill.

Before she had a chance to suggest we take the thing out for a test drive, I pulled the price tag out from its discretely concealed nest inside the collar, revealing the number, \$1250.00. He gasped.

“That's right,” I announced in a voice loud enough to be heard by the milling clientele, “This sweater costs twelve hundred and fifty dollars.” Much to my amazement, no one other than my husband seemed to respond to this mind-boggling information with anything resembling shock or surprise.

If anything, the only apparent reaction seemed to be mild amusement over the pair of provincial K Mart refugees that had somehow wandered onto their turf.

“Beautiful, isn't it?” the saleswoman asked, protectively gathering up the moss colored wool. “The matching socks are one-twenty-five,” she added. She wasn't talking about a dollar and a quarter, either. “Personally,” she confided, after glancing around to make sure no managers could overhear her, “I think the socks look works better with this. Frankly, the socks are a bit of overkill, don't you agree?”

“Yes,” I agreed. “The socks really would be going too far.”

Evidently the socks worked for the well-heeled woman who impatiently waited with a disdainful air as the saleswoman wrapped them in designer tissue paper along with their companion sweater ten minutes later.

It was the day after Thanksgiving, traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. The Nordstrom-laden bag ladies were out in full force, picking over thick gold chains and cappuccino machines, as classical guitar, the elevator music of the elite, piped in the spirit of Christmas throughout the mall.

*It is hard not to respond to the pleading eyes of a homeless woman or the frantic cry of a hungry baby . . .*

Each year I find the holiday shopping frenzy less and less amusing. I somehow can not reconcile myself to climbing over sleeping bags of the homeless to gain entrance to the additional decadence of the Palo Alto community where we had gone to spend Thanksgiving with relatives. I don't know, maybe I'm just losing my sense of humor.

In a country where some taxpayers retain the kind of spendable cash that allows them to put \$1,200 stocking stuffers on their American Express Cards without any noticeable distress, children are starving.

I keep hearing the voice of the mother who said she was struggling to come up with \$2.50 a week to buy a gallon of milk every week for her child. The price of the Ralph Lauren

cashmere socks alone might have fed her family of three for a month.

People are often filled with conflicting and confusing emotions when approached by a homeless panhandler. They feel angry, frustrated, helpless and guilty. Handing over the requested change obviously won't solve the problem, and yet just avoiding eye contact and locking the car door won't make the situation go away.

It is hard not to respond to the pleading eyes of a homeless woman or the frantic cry of a hungry baby . . .

Concerned citizens are reaching out to those in need. There are lots of ways to help. People are helping soup kitchens distribute food, donating clothing and toiletries, throwing charity balls, volunteering their time.

Sharing doesn't have to be a financial burden. During the holidays, for example, rather than buying holiday gifts, my husband and I made up small baskets of home-baked goodies for our friends and relatives with a note enclosed to let them know that we had made a donation to a food pantry. We sent the money we would have spent on gifts to LIFE (Love Is Feeding Everyone).

Not only were our friends touched by the gesture, but many followed our lead and made donations as well.

If you aren't able to donate money, many organizations can use your time. There are several reputable programs providing services to the hungry and homeless here in the San Fernando Valley. All of them welcome community participation.

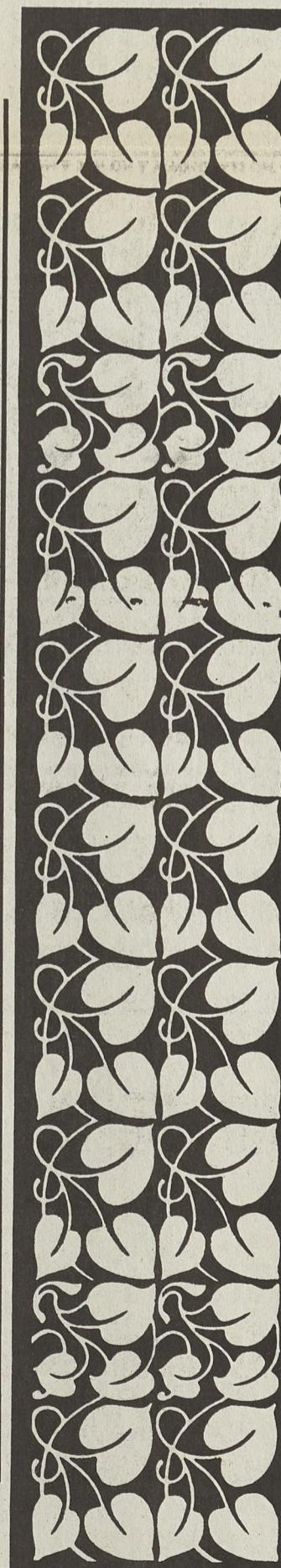
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BOB LA CATTIVA / Valley Star  
**INTENSITY**—Monarch Joe Eddings goes up over Trade Tech for three of the nine he scored coming off the bench in the 82-76 Monarch loss.

## Basketball

With an 0-6 start, the Men's Basketball team is improving, though their stats don't reflect it.

Coach Jim Stephens said that "the team's poor foul shooting and freshman mistakes are major causes in their defeats."

The Monarchs experienced a blowout from the visiting Pasadena Lancers who defeated them 91-67. Trade Tech also beat the Monarchs 82-76 before Thanksgiving. In the Mt. San Jacinto Tournament, Palomar College defeated Valley 68-67 in a close game. Orange Coast took away any form of redemption from the Monarchs in a 67-65 game.

Stephens said that the team "is playing good defense, but turnovers have become a burden that they're working on."

Teamwork and determination has been the Lady Monarchs' key to success. Their attitudes are subtle, yet their play continues to be impressive. The Lady Monarchs devastated Cerritos by 13 points in a 69-56 victory, giving them an undefeated 4-0 record.

"We're determined to win," said Julie Nelson, a sophomore forward.

Women's Basketball has been a winning tradition in the past, and it doesn't appear that they will slow down anytime soon. Coach Doug Michelson said that "their up-tempo game is the edge they have on most opponents."

Michelson uses depth and speed to wear down the opposition by playing 10 players that average between 18 and 22 minutes. This intricate style of play has become a useful strategy that favors the Lady Monarchs. "I wouldn't trade this team for anything," said Michelson.

—Compiled by Dana Meador

## Athlete of the Month

Amy Horst  
Women's Basketball

Horst is sophomore from Cleveland High school. She was named MVP of the Mt. Sac Tip-Off Tournament. She has had 35 rebounds and 31 points in leading the Lady Monarchs to a 3-0 start. She is currently the third leading rebounder in Conference with a 8.2 RPG last season.

Horst will be featured in next week's issue of the *Valley Star*.

Howard Blackwell  
Football

Blackwell is a sophomore from Hart High school who has made more 138 points scoring and 1,255 yards rushing this past season. He has led the Conference in rushing and scoring. He also is high in state rankings, within the top four in rushing and first or second in scoring.

(Continued from page 3)

touchdown on a seven-yard quarterback keeper. The game was all but over as the Monarchs were up 35-13.

Monarch freshman Alonzo Finney picked-off a Parra pass in the end zone to keep the Brahmas from getting any closer just before

halftime.

With the momentum and the ball to start the second half, Blackwell fumbled and Pierces' Tucker Setterberg recovered and rumbled 44 yards down the right sideline for a touchdown to make it 35-20.

But Blackwell atoned for his mistake and sealed the victory with his fourth touchdown of the night and record setting 23rd of the season with a one-yard run. On that drive, the Monarchs ate up over ten minutes of the clock, moving 76

yards on 21 plays to take a commanding 41-20 lead.

The only scoring in the fourth quarter was by Pierce, a 22 yard touchdown pass from Parra to Anthony Florence, but it was too little too late.

Neither the Monarchs (5-4-1, 5-4, 2-3) or Pierce will participate in post-season bowl games.

"It will be tough to replace Blackwell and Mauldin, but they made it easier to recruit great offensive guys for next season," Head Coach Jim Fenwick said as he rang the bell his players had just won. "The heart that this team had all year was great. For next year we need to beef up our defense and we look to improve on our record. We are definitely heading in the direction we want this program to be going."

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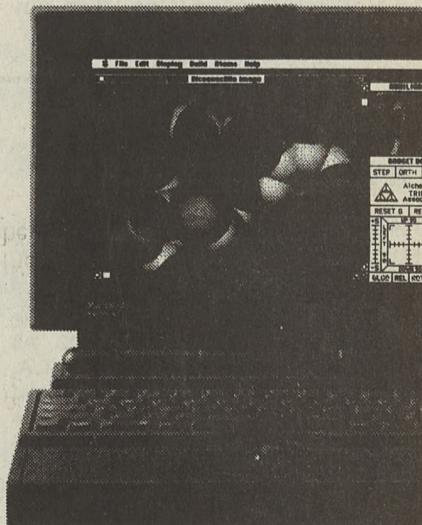
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